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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT ANTIOCH (of Syria)Acts 11:19-26INT:

Great way to teach character: Biographical Sketches.
 Great way to teach **church character** is study of
 biography of great churches in the N. T.
LESSON: Church of Christ at Antioch of Syria.
PURPOSE: Glean maturity from a mature congregation.

I. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT ON THE CITY.

1. Founded: 301 B. C. by Seleucus Nicator on Orontes river, 15 miles from Mediterranean sea. E. of sea
2. 3rd largest city of Roman empire about 65 A. D. with pop. of 500,000. (After Rome & Alexandria)
3. Location: 300 miles N. of Jerusalem in pass between Taurus & Lebanon mts. 200 mi. N. of Galilee prov.
4. Modern: 1944. Antakia, city of 6,000 pop. Forgotten

II. N. T. CHURCH, CAUSE OF ANTIOCH'S PLACE IN HISTORY.A. Spiritual Cradle for first Gentile church of Christ

1. Acts 11:19-21* Favorable climate for Gospel.
2. Acts 11:22-26.* City named the new group. V. 26.

B. Spirit of Compassion, generosity & liberality there.

1. Acts 11:27-30* (& 12:24-25). Job well done.

C. Missionary Zeal inspired 3 great journeys-Paul.

- 1st. 1. Acts 13:1-5.* Selucia, Cyprus, Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch-Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe; retraced: Lystra, Iconium and Antioch-Pisidia.

- 2nd. 2. Antioch to Asia Minor, Macedonia and Greece. Acts 16-17. Lydia, Jailer, Mars Hill-Athens. **Alford's chronology:** 50 - 54 A.D. Most active.

- 3rd. 3. Antioch to Galatia and Phrygia to Ephesus. 3 yrs (**Ephesus:** 3rd capital of Christianity) Troas, Macedonia, Greece and starts return: to Jer. for Pentecost A. D. 58. and **5th** visit to Jerusalem (**Antioch fades out after this.**)

D. Defender of the Faith for the Gentiles. Acts 15.

1. Judiazers sought to force O. T. ordinance of circumcision into N.T. pattern of faith. **1-2*, 5**
2. Apostles and Elders reviewed the problem and reinforced Paul and Barnabas. 19-20, 25-29, 35.

INV:

W. H. can mature by following 4 steps of Antioch. A-D
 Invite YOU to be a part of mature C. of C.!!!

BOORUM & PEASE "NOTES"

acts 8:1-4.

acts 13-14.

acts 16-17.

acts 18-21.